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House Bill 243

Date: February 4, 2020

Committee: Health and Government Operations

Bill Title: Cemeteries - Perpetual Care - Distribution from Perpetual Care Trust Fund

Re: Letter of Information

House Bill 243 increases the amount of funds that may be withdrawn from a perpetual care trust fund under certain circumstances.

As amended, House Bill 243 will require a Trustee to submit to the Director of the Office of Cemetery Oversight an attestation that a cemetery's selection of a method of distribution is not reasonably expected to result in insufficient protection of the perpetual care trust fund's principal. Moreover, on an annual basis, a Trustee will be required to submit to the Director of the Office of Cemetery Oversight an attestation that a cemetery's selection of a method of distribution is not reasonably expected to result in insufficient protection of the perpetual trust fund's principal.

Based on the amendments provided to the Department, the Department is confident that the changes incorporated by House Bill 243 can be managed with existing resources. The Department thanks the stakeholders involved for their collaborative approach that has helped to ensure that House Bill 243 has no fiscal impact.